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In Re Application of:

ABRIGNANI et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2002 (Paper #13), with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time in which to respond is requested and the fee therefor accompanies this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Accompanying Documents

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The following documents accompany this response:

(1) Copy of the currently pending claims, incorporating the amendments made herein;